(c) and (d) The above accidents took place due to the following reasons:—

Cause of Accident	No. of Accidents
Failure of Railway Staff	290
Failure of other than Railway Staff	77
Equipment failure	25
Sabotage	27
Incidental	15
Not established	7
Under Investigation	3
TOTAL	444

In the above accidents, 529 persons were killed and 1091 persons were injured.

Note : The above figures are provisional.

Sanctioned strength of Senior Scale Posts in Railways

4385. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total of sanctioned strength in senior scale posts on Indian Railways (Permanent, Temporary, Workcharge and others), department-wise, as on 1st January, 2000;

(b) the number of officers working against these posts (direct recruits, promotee, ad hoc basis), department-wise as on 1st January, 2000;

(c) the number of vacancies existing, department-wise, as on 1st January, 2000; and

(d) the plan to fill up vacancies and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.